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Attempt To Destroy Red Army

Peiping, Mar. 24.
Gen. Fu Tso-yi's crack
armies are swinging in
behind the Communist
forces, which have fallen
back from Yen-an, in
accordance with a grand
strategy to bottle up the
Reds and cut them up
piecemeal, according to
dispatches to the Peiping
press today.

If the plan is successful, it
will destroy the largest Com-
munist army in China Proper
in a major implementation of the
Generalissimo's orders to rout
all Communists and end civil
war within one year.

The dispatches said the Com-
munist had established a new
base at Suich, a highway cen-
tre 110 kilometers north-east of
Yen-an. The reports estimated
30,000 Reds have set up defence
lines on the mountains before
Suich and are expected to
give battle to the advancing
Nationalists within a few days.

Meanwhile, intensive troop
movements are reported along
Gen Fu's line, which runs from
Changchiao, Suiyuan, to
Tatung, on the Shanai border,
to block an anticipated Com-
munist "long march" to Gen
Lin Biao's domain in Man-
churia.

At the same time, Govern-
ment troops in Ningxia Pro-
vince are reported to be mov-
ing south-east under orders to
clean up Communist bands in
the Ningxia-Tsinan-Shensi bor-
der region.—United Press.

DOCKERS STRIKE

Khartoum, Mar. 22.
The six-day old dockers strike
involving 1,000 men, in Por-
Sudan, on the Red Sea, has forced
several ships arriving in the port
to leave without either loading
or discharging their cargo. The
dockers are demanding increases
in pay and bigger free ration of
cloth.—Reuter.

Secret Documents? Ho-Hum!

Washington, Mar. 23.
A batch of documents laid before the House For-
eign Affairs Committee as "background" on
President Harry Truman's proposal to aid
Greece and Turkey proved—when made pub-
lic on Saturday—to be just that: historical
background hardly worth the "secret" label.

They included lengthy chron-
ologies going back to 1911 when
the Greeks revised their con-
stitution and back to Oct. 4 of
1922 in Turkish history when the
Ottoman Empire collapsed and
Talent Pasha and Enver Pasha
fled from the land.

One put the Greek plight in a
nutshell, saying that Greece at
present "is generally regarded as
a very poor credit risk," but the
papers furnished only historical
data on Greece's struggle against
civil strife.

The documents made public on
Saturday, however, were only
about one half of the file.

The issuance of the remainder
was delayed until Sunday and
some expected these would be of
more importance.

Organism Which Doesn't Like TB Germs

Sydney, Mar. 22.
Working on a theory that if
active antagonists to tuber-
culosis germs exist "they are
likely to be found in the sewage
tank of a sanatorium," G.C.
Hughes and R.A. Klorian, of
Waterfall Sanatorium, New
South Wales, have isolated an
organism which was antag-
onistic to certain tubercular germs.
"This organism," they wrote
to the scientific magazine
"Nature," "was a strain of
pseudomonas aeruginosa." They
found it has an inhibitory effect
on growth of 80 to 90 per cent
of the tubercular germs in
culture.—Associated Press.

COALITION GOVERNMENT FOR CHINA AGREED UPON

Communist Problem To Be Settled By "Political Means"; 12-Point Plan

Financial System To Be Adjusted

Nanking, Mar. 23.
A 12-point plan for the reorganisation of China's
present one-party government was unanimously
agreed on by the Kuomintang, Young China
and Socialist democratic parties at a four-hour
closed session yesterday afternoon, Reuter
learned from reliable sources today.

Unified foreign policy based on peace and recon-
struction principles and the solution of the
Communist problem through political means
are two of the points of the plan.

Mo Tsh-wei, veteran in-
dependent politician presided
over the meeting, which was
attended by three top ranking
delegates from each of the
three parties. They are reported
to have agreed that China's
future coalition Government
should be established on the
following plan:—

1.—The policy of the coalition
Government to be based on
peace and reconstruction prin-
ciples and all parties to take
part in the drafting of this
policy and completing prepara-
tions for the implementation
of the constitution.

2.—The Communist problem
to be solved by political means
as soon as communications are
restored and the Communists
fellowship their military policy.

3.—The administration to
be democratised.

4.—The Executive Yuan to
be responsible to the State
Council and to report all pol-
icies and the implementation
of policies to the Legislative
Yuan.

5.—Before enforcement of
the constitution, candidates
for the Premiership to be
nominated by the President of
the National Government upon
the agreement of all parties.

6.—All local administrations
to be divided into two cate-
gories, military and political.

7.—After the formation of the
coalition government, all special
decrees and organisations (such
as the police) in existence during
the period of political tutelage
to be abolished.

8.—Taxation and financial sys-
tems to be readjusted to reduce
the heavy burden on the people.

9.—The rights of the people to
be strictly protected, especial-
ly in regard to the freedoms of
press and assembly, but these to
be curtailable by law in the case
of an emergency.

10.—All loans from foreign
countries to be allocated for pro-
duction and reconstruction.

11.—All seats on the provincial
and city councils to be equally
distributed among all parties.

12.—A unified foreign policy
based on peace and reconstruction
principles to be adopted.—Reuter.

Shaky Economy

Nanking, Mar. 23.
The Government's economic
policies were under fire at the
Kuomintang convention today.

Delegate Lin Chien-chun said
China's economic policies
were good "only next to those
of the United States" but so
farly executed that the people
have lost confidence in the
Government.

Another delegate, Yen
Ching-lash out against "offi-
cial capital" and said the coun-
try's economy should be based
on the people's livelihood.

C.T. Wang, veteran diplomat
who once was ambassador to
Washington, blamed the Com-
munist and idle capital alike
for China's "shaky economy."

"While the Communists kill
and cause bloodshed, idle cap-
ital kills without evidence of
bloodshed," he declared.—As-
sociated Press.

Congressmen on the Committee
had protested when the docu-
ments were submitted to them
marked "secret" and insisted that
they be made public.—Associated
Press.

It also instructed the agencies
to submit the names of all their
employees to the Federal Bureau
of Investigation for a check
wherever this has not already
been done.

The Attorney-General is di-
rected to make a list and keep it
up to date of the 11 subversive or-
ganisations.

This black list is to include all
"totalitarian, fascist, Communist
or subversive" groups, all "that
advocate or approve force to deny
persons their constitutional
rights, and all that seek to change
the form of Government by un-
constitutional means."

Furthermore, a "central master
index" was ordered to be set up
of all persons whose loyalty has
been investigated since Septem-
ber 1939. This may be referred to
by all Government agencies.

A White House official said that
"this will not be a witch hunt."
"I can't imagine that a great
number of firms will result."

The order does not apply to
Judicial or Legislative branches
of the Government, he emphasised,
nor does it involve changes in
the present security rules of the
armed forces.

Supplementary appropriations
for the Civil Service Commission
and the Federal Bureau of In-
vestigation probably will be as-
signed.

They may amount to \$150,000,
\$100,000 to US\$200,000, each
agency, Mr. Truman said, "but
must be personally approved
for the assistance of the
household."

HONG KONG'S "EMPEROR"

Paris, Mar. 23.
Bao Dai, the former em-
peror of Annam, stated today
that he did "nothing against
the will of Dr. Ho Chi-minh's
government" and that he was
Ho Chi-minh's "adviser," ac-
cording to a French Agency
dispatch from Saigon.

Reuter adds that 33-year-
old Bao Dai, who has been in
exile in Hong Kong since his
abdication nearly 18 months
ago, on March 18 declined an
invitation by the French au-
thorities to return to Annam,
but said he would come if in-
vited by Doctor Ho Chi-minh,
the President of the Viet Nam
Nationalists.—Reuter.

Franco To Make Way For King?

Madrid, Mar. 23.
The Political Council of the
Falange, Generalissimo Fran-
co's single government party,
has approved a proposal under
which Franco will prepare for
the restoration of the monar-
chy, according to reliable sources
today.

These sources report that
Franco will select a council of
the kingdom composed of the
President of the Parliament,
the Minister of War, the Arch-
bishop of Toledo, the Senior
General of the Army and a re-
presentative of Spanish nobil-
ity.

The council will be charged
with making arrangements to
transfer the dictator type of
Government established when
Franco assumed leadership in
1936 to a monarchy by peace-
ful methods.—United Press.

War Of Nerves In Paraguay Revolt

Buenos Aires, Mar. 22.
An insurgent aircraft flew over Asuncion, Para-
guayan capital, this morning for the
first time and dropped propaganda leaflets.

This followed the insurgent air-
raid yesterday on Government
positions round the town of San
Pedro, midway between Asuncion
and the insurgent headquarters
at Concepcion.

The Government claimed that
the raid was ineffective because
the insurgents had no proper
bomb.

Nevertheless, informed obser-
vers here consider the fact that
the rebels now possess at least 12
of the 16 effective warplanes in
Paraguay places an important
psychological weapon in their
hands. The struggle between the
Government, headed by General
Moringo and the insurgents hold-
ing northern Paraguay, which
started a fortnight ago with the
mutility of the Concepcion garri-
son is still mostly a war of
nerves.

Both sides have claimed im-
portant military successes and
now and then had episodes of
the prominence of large-scale military
operations but the apparent em-
ptiness of these announcements
has resulted in persistent rumours
of peace talks going on behind
the scenes.

Although denied by the Mori-
ngo Government, these rumours
gained ground following the
peace appeal by the Archbishop
of Asuncion from the capital
yesterday.—Reuter.

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"THREE WERE THOROUGH-BREDS"

Hollywood, Mar. 23.
Akin Tamiroff, the Russian
actor, will appear with
Helen, Harry Sullivan and
Joan. Leaving in the film
"Three Were Thoroughbreds"
at Monogram Studio. Helia
recently returned from a
visit to her native England.
Miss Loring, born in
Hong Kong, was nominated
for a Motion Picture Acad-
emy award for her support-
ing role in the film "The
Corn Is Green" with Bette
Davis, in 1946.—Associated
Press.

UNO Team "Tricked"?

Salonica, Mar. 22.
"General Markos," Greek
guerrilla leader for whose evi-
dence the United Nations team
of investigators vainly jour-
neyed through the border mountains
on mule-back and by foot, declared
that he believes they were "trick-
ed" into going to the wrong place.
This was stated on the return
to Salonika of Grauer (Russian)
and Gawrak (Poland) who with
Yugoslav representatives, stayed
behind when the Commission
split at the guerrilla headquarters
at Kastanollon in the Pindus
range.

They stated that they had met
"General Markos" in the moun-
tains of Thessaly in central
Greece, 150 miles south of where
the Commission waited two days
for him to turn up.

He assured them that he had
never changed his original plan
that the Commission should first
go to Grevena, they added.

Grauer said that he had a 13
hour talk with "General Markos"
and had brought back a 200 page
document addressed by him to
the Commission.—Reuter.

London-Bound

The oldest member of the
group is 81-year-old Mrs. E.
Weindling, who will join her
granddaughter and great grand-
child in London.

Aling 77-year-old Albert
Salzberger and his wife nearly
missed the chance for a reunion
with their two daughters in
Glasgow.

Last month the couple aban-
doned hope of seeing their
children and applied for re-
patriation to their native Aus-
tria but the Intergovernmental
Refugee Committee called
London and managed to clear
them three days before they
were scheduled to depart for
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FRESH DISASTER IN NORFOLK

London, Mar. 23.
The sandbagged dyke protecting the fertile Nor-
folk fenlands from ruining floods broke "with
a noise like an explosion" last night and
loosed a torrent of pent up waters over 25,000
acres, bringing fresh disaster to England's
finest agricultural area.

Ten thousand acres in the area already were
covered with crop killing floods. Troops, Ger-
man prisoners of war and Fenland farmers
slaved on into the darkness seeking to dam
the breach with piling and sandbags, but there
was little hope of success.

An amphibious tank, sunk
near the gap in try to stem
the torrent "was carried away
like a toy boat," one witness
reported.

There were no reports, how-
ever, of farm families being
seriously in danger. Many al-
ready have evacuated in fear of
just such an event.

The breach in the dyke came
at a weak spot over a culvert,
but now the waters rushing
through the broad hole threaten
to crumble the whole milelong
barrier.

In the South of England,
first hit by floods as the thaw
moved northward over record
winter snows, the floods were
receding.

The Thames dropped eight
inches at Windsor and Maiden-
head.—Associated Press.

Thames Drops
London, Mar. 23.
The Thames fell eight inches
today and Britain's flood crisis
appeared to be waning.

The Thames dropped eight
inches at Reading and about
six inches at Windsor where
water still covered streets and
floors of hundreds of homes.

In one lent by actress
Beatrice Lillie to the Aus-
tralian pianist, Philip Hargrove,
while the vacations in Florida,
the pianist practiced at the
grand piano with his feet on
the pedals under water.

The Government announced
that the gift of food from Aus-
tralia, would be sent to flood
victims who also would be
allowed extra coupons and
tickets for clothing, furniture
and food.

The immediate aftermath in
Britain's worst floods in a
generation was a warning
issued in connection with next
Saturday's Oxford-Cambridge
boat race that the Thames
River banks might collapse
under thousands of spectators
who usually line the course.
Many areas will be barred to
the public.

A further reaching aftermath
will be the loss of much of
Britain's spring vegetable crop
estimated in some quarters up
to 80 per cent.—United Press.

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"Boycott" Triumph For Royalty

Royal Train, Mar. 22.
The boycott of the Royal visit to Durban by the Indians was almost a complete failure today when an Indian gathering at Curries' Field gave the King and Queen an enthusiastic welcome.

Coming Events

March 25—Rotary Club meeting, 12.30 p.m. Speaker: Maj.-Gen. Erskine.
March 25—Police Reserve Inspection by H. E. the Governor, 5 p.m.
March 26—Sino-British Club, 5.30 p.m.
March 27—Helena May Inv. Lecture by H.G.W. Woodhead, 5.45 p.m.
March 28—Hong Kong & Shanghai Banking Corp., annual meeting, 11.30 a.m.
March 29—Peak Club meeting, 5.30 p.m.
March 29—Meeting of civilian and Service chaplains, 11 a.m.
March 29—Bank of Canton, annual meeting, 3 p.m.
March 31—China Entertainment & Investment Co., Ltd., annual meeting, noon.
April 12—China Light & Power Co., Ltd., annual meeting, noon.

CURFEW ON FRONTIER

Peshawar, Mar. 22.
A 24-hour curfew has been imposed on the streets in Peshawar, a town in the Hazara district of the Northwest Frontier Province after a Muslim mob had fired the main bazaar after prayers yesterday, according to a communique issued by the Frontier Government tonight.
One hundred shops and two places of worship were burnt, added the communique. The casualties were four Hindus killed, one Hindu wounded and one Muslim wounded. Troops and police dispersed the looters.
The communique stated that precautionary measures are being taken in other parts of the Hazara district.—Reuter.

In Punjab

Lahore, Mar. 22.
Further improvement in the communal situation was reported in today's Punjab communique. Troops were ordered out at Rawalpindi for patrol duties and to aid in carrying out searches.—Reuter.

SPANISH TRIAL

Madrid, Mar. 22.
The prosecution demanded prison sentences up to 30 years for 11 members of the Confederation Nacional Trubajo at a court martial at Alcalá de Henares today.
The defendants were arrested in 1945 on the following six charges: (1) membership in political parties; (2) subversive activities; (3) possession of arms; (4) accessories to smuggling arms from France; (5) complicity in the counterfeiting of 30,000,000 pesetas; (6) intelligence with opposition groups in France.—United Press.

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URGENT TRANSPORT NEED IN SOUTHERN CHINA

(By Barbara Price)

The urgent need for improved communications and transportation facilities in South China were stressed in an interview yesterday by the Right Rev. N. V. Halward, assistant Bishop of Hong Kong & South China, after completing a five-week tour of the Southern diocese. Bishop Halward covered the area by junk, bus, bicycle and foot. His ultimate objective was Pakhoi in Kwangtung province.

Arriving at Kwangchowwan by boat, the Bishop made the remainder of the journey under the most rigorous conditions. Much of the time he was under military escort, dispatched by county magistrates because of "unsettled conditions" in most areas.

In Ling Shan, reached after a 70-mile bicycle ride over muddy terrain, the Bishop visited a mission school in full scale operation once again after the war. In spite of bad damage, the school has managed to utilize the facilities at hand and is doing well, he reported. From Ling Shan he proceeded with an escort of 30 soldiers by sea in a junk and on foot to Nam Hung, 25 miles beyond. Another 28 miles afoot through driving rain and mud brought him to Wink Sun.

The rest of the journey to Pakhoi was made in much the same fashion.

While the transport and communications systems were poor in almost every section he visited, Bishop Halward found electricity in fairly general use. He observed no shortage of food and was encouraged by signs of increased cultivation of rice lands.

"Carrying On"

Bishop Halward expressed concern over the state of the leper colony at Pakhoi. While patients have managed to grow some of their own rice, peanuts and other foodstuffs, the shortage of needed material—incl. bandages and other medical supplies—has kept the colony "just carrying on."

UNRRA supplies to the leper colony, which have been coming in at the rate of a ton and a half of rice a month, have eased the food situation considerably there, he declared. Eventually, Bishop Halward said, it is hoped a leper research station will be set up jointly by American and British missions in connection with Ling Nan University in Canton. Such a centre, he stated, would be a great aid in the Canton area where the incidence of leprosy is particularly high.

No Hostility

In spite of talk of antagonism on the part of the Chinese populace toward foreigners, the Bishop encountered no signs of hostility or discourtesy, he said. He said he was very impressed by the cheerfulness of the Chinese peasants, even in regions badly damaged by the Japs.

Some areas, such as Kang Nan on the delta of the Pearl River, which had been badly destroyed during the war, he found business thriving and the communities recovering amazingly well.

"Foreign" Troops Take Chinese Island

Shanghai, Mar. 23.
More than 20 armed "foreign" troops with radio equipment have landed at Haiyuan Island, about 80 miles northeast of Dairen, from a warship belonging to "a certain foreign power," according to Chinese reports today. The troops are said to have informed the inhabitants of the island that Haiyuan belonged to Russia before the Russo-Japanese war and they therefore had the right to occupy it.

The Chinese paper "Shun Pao" says that "Chinese observers state that the purpose of the occupation is to control the coastline of the Liaotung Peninsula."—Reuter.

T.V. To Be Impeached?

Nanking, Mar. 24.
The Central Executive Committee meeting this morning called for punishment to be meted out to those responsible for illegal gold dealings, including former Premier T.V. Soong, former Central Bank president Tui Yei-pai and their subordinates.

The meeting asked for thorough investigation into the accounts of government-operated trading corporations.

It also asked that the property of corrupt officials should be confiscated and all similar cases should be turned over to the Government for speedy execution.

Gen Chen Chih proposed that the Government redetermine its attitude towards the Communist Party to maintain unity throughout China, to protect livelihood and to facilitate the enforcement of the constitution.—United Press.

Ceylon Reds' "Demands"

Colombo, Mar. 22.
A demand for the withdrawal of British military and political control of Ceylon will be one of the main planks in the Ceylon Communist Party programme in the forthcoming general elections under the new constitution. The Communists, at a mass rally here this evening announced an interim list of ten candidates for the elections, including Secretary Pieter Keuneman, and the President of the Harbour Workers' Union, M. G. Mendis. Other Communist demands are for the return of Trincomalee and the Royal Air Force stations in the island and the nationalisation of British property in Ceylon.—Reuter.

UNDER HEAVY GUARD

Marseilles, Mar. 22.
An Indo-Chinese who closely resembled Duong Bach Mai, deputy chief of the Viet Nam (Indo-Chinese Nationalist) delegation in Paris, who was arrested last Thursday on a charge of "an attack against the State," arrived here from Paris this afternoon under heavy guard.
Handcuffed and surrounded by gendarmes, he was hustled from the railway station to a waiting police car, which carried him to the Indo-China docks from which the Liberty ship Benjamin Latrobe is due to sail for Saigon tomorrow.—Reuter.

ALLEGATIONS OF OPPRESSION

Tehran, Mar. 23.
Allegations of oppressive action by the Persian Government, arrest and victimisation of workers and the denial of the right of free association, are being investigated by a delegation from the World Federation of Trade Unions now in Persia.
Before reaching their conclusions the delegates will visit the oilfields in the south industrial centre of Isfahan and the northern territories which were recently in the control of the democrats.—Reuter.

LEFTISTS ARRESTED

Seoul, Mar. 22.
The arrest of 30 Leftist leaders was ordered tonight in a surprise move believed to be related to the strengthened policy in Washington.
The leaders include the most highly placed ones except Lyul Woon Hyung and Hun Hin. No members of the Legislature were included in the list sought.—Reuter.

Traders Form Own Guild

Shanghai, Mar. 23.
Nineteen Chinese and foreign import and export firms acceded from the Shanghai Importers & Exporters Guild yesterday and formed their own association—the Council for Promotion of Foreign Trade.

They claimed that the guild held irregular meetings and did not release decisions to the members. They said names of the guild board members have never been made regarding disposal of the guild's funds. They added that some members of the guild are not really importers and exporters at all.—United Press.

Ex-S.M.C. Men Promised Payment

Shanghai, Mar. 23.
Mayor K. C. Wu today met employees of the former Shanghai Municipal Council and finally promised payment of pre-war superannuation funds—one of the liabilities which passed on with the International Settlement when extrajurisdiction was abrogated in 1943. Some 400 members of the former police called on the Mayor who informed them that their payment has been approved pending government action. Wu said a meeting will be held in the City Government Liquidation Commission at which the Ministries of Finance and Foreign Affairs will be represented to discuss the matter with the former employees.—United Press.

Shanghai, Mar. 22.
The Kuomintang Central Executive Committee today decided to recall General Chen Yi, Governor of Formosa, and bring him to trial.—Reuter.

Labour Rebels To Be Lectured

London, Mar. 23.
Labour party leaders marshalled their disciplinary forces this week-end to suppress a new rank and file parliamentary "revolt." Approximately about 70 members among the House of Commons "back benchers" have lined up in a tight opposition to the Government's bill for peacetime military conscription, which is expected to send more than 1,000,000 young men into uniform during the next five years.

Objectors to the Empire theory of peacetime conscription have been joined by a local group that insists that prospective recruits are more urgently needed in labour-short British industry. The Government, trying to return men who saw war service to civil life, holds that only conscription of 18-year-olds can maintain the military at the level needed to meet Britain's requirements at home and abroad. The conscription bill, introduced March 22, probably will be called for debate before the Easter recess which begins April 3.

Slight Chance
The Labour "rebels" seem to have slight chance of defeating the measure. In general the Conservatives agree with the immediate need for conscription. Objectors pointed out, however, that many Conservatives might join the Labour dissent if there is a promise of unemployment

Argument In Balkan Commission

Salonica, Mar. 22.
The Soviet and Polish representatives on the United Nations Balkan Enquiry Commission today strongly opposed the proposal by the chief British delegate, Mr. Richard Windle, that the Commission should leave a small body of observers in Greece when the main body goes to Bulgaria and Yugoslavia on Monday. Mr. Windle said that such a team would have a "stabilising effect" and would be able to carry out immediate on-the-spot investigations in the event of future frontier incidents. He suggested that the team should remain in Greece while the Commission was drawing up its conclusions in Geneva and making its recommendations to the Security Council.

Mr. Mark Athridge, chief United States delegate, backed the British suggestion which the Soviet and Polish delegates criticised as outside the Commission's terms of reference. They opposed the United States proposal to refer the matter to the Security Council.

After the meeting, Mr. Athridge said that he hoped the difference in views would be bridged when the discussion was resumed tomorrow.—Reuter.

Shanghai Liberals Protest

Shanghai, Mar. 23.
A group including J. W. Powell, son of the late J. W. Powell, and currently publisher of the China Weekly Review, and leading Chinese liberals including Chan Hui-hai—one of the famed "seven gentlemen"—arrested in 1936 for anti-Japanese sentiments—protested to Mayor K. C. Wu today regarding the alleged disappearance of teachers, intellectuals and liberals in Shanghai and demanded punishment for the culprits.

They charged the missing persons were removed by plain clothemen who carried identification cards from the Woonang Garrison headquarters.—United Press.

Emergency In Greece

Athens, Mar. 22.
Premier Demetrios Maximos summoned his Cabinet to an emergency session today and ordered his Minister of Public Order to fly back to Athens from Salonika for urgent consultations and declared that all steps will be taken to restore order. The Liberal opposition leader, Themistocles Sophoulis, meanwhile, announced "At the point we have reached only providence can save us" and reiterated his demand for appeasement. Reinforced troops were pushed to Gythion where yesterday Rightist bands executed 32 political prisoners and seven civilians in retaliation for the murder of Catharacis Pappadakis the previous day, according to a Government bulletin. The situation was reported to be calm now.

The collaborationist, Neftali Manousaklis, was executed today. A Government spokesman reported that an unknown number of armed persons entered the town of Mallaot, southwest of Gythion and evacuated 13 Leftist supporters, including two women.—United Press.

Martial Law

Athens, Mar. 23.
The Greek Government imposed martial law throughout the prefecture of Locris in the southern tip of the Greek mainland as a result of the tense situation created by massacre of 32 Communist convicts on Friday in a prison at Chydhion. The Cabinet decided also to take measures against the civil and military authorities in the area where the mass slaying occurred; and to hold military trials for those responsible for the massacre and to have the prefecture cleared of armed bands. The attack on the prison was made by neighbouring villagers in reprisal for the murder of the leader of a Rightist band, the Ministry of Public Order said.—Associated Press.

Manila, Mar. 23.
The Philippines are negotiating treaties of amity and general relations with China, Britain, Italy and France, Vice-President Elpidio Quirino, who is currently Secretary of Foreign Affairs, said today.—Associated Press.

U.S. Security In The Pacific

Washington, Mar. 23.
Senator Thomas declared today that United States security interests in the Pacific can be protected under a system of placing the former Japanese Mandated Islands under American administration in the United Nations Trusteeship Council.

But the United Democrat emphasized that the trusteeship idea "of course" will fail as far as the islands are concerned if the United States ignores the United Nations and administers them single-handed as Japan did. Thomas and Francis B. Sayre, United States representatives on the Trusteeship Council, appeared on the radio programme entitled "our foreign policy."

The United States has proposed to the United Nations Security Council that the Pacific islands wrested from Japan during the war be placed under the Trusteeship Council with the United States as administrator. Russia has supported the United States move. Commenting on the former Japanese islands Thomas stated "American interests are not only to protect America but to see that another nation is not in a position to attack America. That can be done within the limits of trusteeship and honest administration can be followed."

Sayre said that American security in the Pacific is safeguarded by the provisions in the United Nations charter which would allow the United States as administrator to close off the special zones as strategic areas. This is not likely, he added, saying "liberal forces in this country would line up against such a step."—Associated Press.

Mountbatten In India

New Delhi, Mar. 22.
Viscount Mountbatten of Burma—relative of the British Imperial family and who may be the last chief of its great Indian possession—arrived today to take over as Viceroy of India. Reports from Karachi where his plane first landed said he reiterated to local Indian leaders there Britain's sincerity and earnest hope to carry out the plan to quit India by June 1948.

Here his arrival was mostly a mere ceremony. He was met by the outgoing Viceroy, Lord Wavell, who leaves for Britain tomorrow.

A United Press dispatch from Karachi said Mountbatten talked with members of the Muslim League Government of Sind—who plan to declare that state's independence when the British leave—and the Education Minister. It said Mountbatten left no doubt of the British position. His wife and daughter were with him. They stepped off the plane at Palam airport where Pandit Nehru, on behalf of the Indian National Congress, and Liaquat Ali for the League, met him. He is the 25th Viceroy and the 32nd governor-general of India.—United Press.

CNAC Heads Acquitted

Shanghai, Mar. 23.
The Shanghai District Court today acquitted three CNAC operations executives on charges of manslaughter resulting from the crash of an airliner on Jan. 28 near Hankow which killed 26 persons, according to Central News. The acquitted included Capt. Woods, chief of the section, and his deputies Chen Hung An and Wang Tao. After a thorough investigation the Procurator declared the crash was not due to negligence on the part of the management.—United Press.

Chinese Customs Reorganization

Shanghai, Mar. 23.
A thorough reorganization of the Chinese Maritime Customs Service is due soon. It was learned reliably today. The reorganization will merge the inspectorate division with the directorate, and eliminate a number of British methods of administration and operation. The current Inspector general, L. K. Little, is a Briton with many years in the service which is regarded by many as the best branch in China's civil service.—United Press.

Hong Kong Rollatons will be addressed tomorrow by Maj. General G. E. S. Rawlinson, C.B., D.S.O. The G.O.C. who is a Member of the Royal Club of Hong Kong, has chosen as a subject "Germany's Relation To The East Of Suez." The meeting will take place at the Royal Club at 7.30 p.m. at the Victoria Hotel.

Footnote To History

Hollywood, Mar. 23.
A footnote to history: Twentieth Century-Fox studios spent \$18,000 constructing a replica of the coach in which England's King Charles II rode on State occasions in 1660. The coach was for use in filming the picture, "Forever Amber."

But when it was completed it proved too heavy for horses to draw at the rapid pace which the action of the story required. Intrepid studio mechanics thereupon installed a motor in the rear of the coach. Now a special driver is necessary, to keep the motor-powered vehicle from pushing the horses.—Associated Press.

Epidemic In Rangoon

Rangoon, Mar. 22.
The small-pox epidemic in Rangoon is expected to reach its peak, it is learned today from competent authorities of the Public Health Department. The present death rate in the city is 110 a week against 70 during the corresponding period of last year. Three hundred and ninety-five cases of small-pox with 193 deaths were reported in the city area during the period from Feb. 15 to March 10. One hundred and fifteen cases of plague, of which 92 were fatal, occurred in Burma during the first week of March.—Reuter.

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HELP FOR GREECE

If the United States Congress approves the proposed \$2,500,000 loan to Greece (as seems certain), the latter country may still be rescued from complete economic collapse. If the loan is refused the already unstable political fabric of Greece can have little hope of resisting disintegration. Purely upon economic grounds, the case for saving Greece from bankruptcy is strong, but the matter cannot be regarded simply in terms of charity or of financial investment. Refusal of the loan would mean that Greece might drift under Soviet protection. Grant of the loan implies that the United States take a full share of the political burden of maintaining Greek independence. Thus the decision whether America is to establish in the Aegean a new sphere of influence makes the question of the loan a real crux of American foreign policy. Up till now, Britain has had the ungrateful task of helping successive Greek Governments to restore order and of backing the ever-retreating drachma with grants and loans amounting to \$55,000,000 since the liberation, quite apart from UNRRA contributions and \$46,000,000 lent earlier. Militarily we have progressively decreased and are continuing to decrease our contribution; financially we have made it clear that our help cannot continue beyond the end of the present month. At the cost of much criticism from abroad and from elements in Britain itself, we have helped to maintain a regime over whose political and economic measures we have exercised some influence but seldom any effective control. A more substantial American interest in Greece would be welcomed in Britain not least because it might help turn the minds of the Greeks themselves from political strife to economic problems.

NOT ALONE

Australia, in a gesture as broadly generous as her wide open spaces, has made Britain a gift of \$25,000,000. It will undoubtedly be, an encouragement to the British people in the trials through which they have been passing and a reminder of the sympathy with which the ordeal of the Mother Country is being watched throughout the Commonwealth. The first proposal was that the gift should be in food, but Australia cannot at present make a direct contribution to the British larder. Instead, Mr. Chifley, the Australian Prime Minister, has adopted the suggestion that Australia should reduce Britain's sterling debt and thus indirectly accomplish the same purpose. A reduction in the debt will mean that fewer British goods will have to be sent abroad to pay off interest on the debt, and thus Britain will have more goods to use to fill her larder and shelves.

Britain has had constant reason to be thankful for the timely and understanding support of the Dominions. Canada's assumption of so large a part of the general war costs which would otherwise have fallen as a burden on the British taxpayer, and her action in writing off the heavy expenses of the Empire Air Training Plan, which would otherwise have fallen on Britain, Australia and New Zealand, are cases in point. So are South Africa's splendid donation of over \$1,000,000, to which no condition was attached save that it should be used for the advantage of the people of Britain, and the many gifts in kind sent by the people of New Zealand. When others, startled by the sight of Britain's economic life brought to a sudden standstill, have concluded that our sceptre is passing and turned to composing our obituary, the confident voice of the Dominions can assure them they have mistaken the signs and can be relied on to help Britain.

How A Soldier's Wages Are Paid

Fide et Fiducia—By Faith and Confidence. That is the proud crest of the Royal Army Pay Corps to be found wherever British troops are stationed. Yes, it was on the Normandy beaches and at Anzio; at Alamein and Arnhem; along stretches of the Irrawaddy and Rhine. Britain's fighting men had to be paid no matter the conditions. Indeed, there were no more popular men with all ranks than the advance field cashiers, and the Corps has won the faith and confidence of the men they served by the very efficient distribution of the Army's finances.

During the war they were responsible for payments to money pay the soldiers and men. Yet every one of their customers were satisfied, of course, but the number of complaints was remarkable small considering the amazing varieties of currency that had to be handled during the heat of battle. How different is the Corps from the days when they were advised by a 17th century wit "always to grumble and make difficulties when officers come to you for money that is due to them. When you are obliged to pay the soldier, he will be sure to grumble them a favour and tell them they are lucky dogs to get it." This was the cynical advice to paymasters in long-forgotten campaigns. What a contrast to the highly trained efficient Corps of today. Now the Royal Army Pay Corps is for too industrious to heed a label of this description, as you find if you visit any of the huge regimental pay bases which deal with the pay of the soldiers and signed accounts. Each one has a staff of 100,000 or more soldiers and soldiers' dependents accounts, and the vast officers accounts base in Manchester, with a staff of nearly 2,000 handles the accounts of every officer, except those in the Indian Army.

"Wild Dogs"

Before describing part of the work of the officers' accounts, I'll tell you some of the stories I heard about pay in wartime. There was the occasion in Normandy, for example, when soldiers of the Royal Army Pay Corps followed the invading Army on D plus 4 with thousands of pounds in various currencies. The money had been packed in waterproof containers and once it was ashore was stored in a captured radar station at Douvres in the Normandy beachhead. It was there in a vault surrounded by minefields, that the equivalent of \$20,000,000 was dumped. As the Armies advanced the money was changed into "wild dogs" (French francs); "Tom Cals" (German Marks); "Dutch Guilders" and then when the leave started from Calais the cashiers had to work in reverse.

The Royal Army Pay Corps claim that during the war they dealt with more than 100 different currencies. In the Abyssinian campaign there was specially minted Maris Teresh dollars. One cashier alone, I was told, handled \$20,000,000 in 40 different currencies, travelled 30,000 miles during his tour of duty, and even took part in a parachute jump on the then occupied Yugoslavia. There was the cashier at Cos. Surrounded by the enemy, he buried his money, signalled its location by cipher hide and seek until his capture. Then there were the "crazy" cashiers. Their job was to take money from Britain to commands in the field and on countless occasions have escorted bullion for thousands of miles.

Jam Jar Notes

In addition to paying the fighting men, the Royal Army Pay Corps pay out cash for requisitioning, pay for the wages for civilian labour, collect debts, provide funds for the payment of Allied troops, Royal Air Force and Royal Navy, and even advance money to war correspondents. I like the Pay Corps story of a Turkish War correspondent who thought they were British one pound notes. The Pay Corps sorted out this tangle, too. And the dealers got their money.

When I visited the huge officers' accounts building in Manchester I thought that a tour would unravel some of the mysteries of Army Pay. I saw hundreds of clerks all dealing with their own particular business, millions of envelopes, hundreds of adding machines, cheques for thousands of pounds drawn on various banks, but none of them a note, signed by Mr. Poppitt. With infinite patience the intricate work of the various departments was explained to me. There were the pre-release groups, the posting groups which dealt with current accounts, the central technical department, the admin and "Q", civil administration, the cashier, booking, release wing, and serving officer gratuities. I was told about income tax deductions, about advances of pay and the work of the release wing, and made a note of the central technical department, the admin and "Q", civil administration, the cashier, booking, release wing, and serving officer gratuities. I was told about income tax deductions, about advances of pay and the work of the release wing, and made a note of the central technical department, the admin and "Q", civil administration, the cashier, booking, release wing, and serving officer gratuities.

to 399,760, filed away under numbers, names and units for an immediate check of any casualty.

Smooth-Working

It is in this room that details of an officers' moves are copied on to "slips." This is then placed in a tray—according to the arm of the Service—and eventually distributed to the clerk dealing with a particular section. Immediate action is taken by the clerk. Changes in the rates of pay are entered in the "cage" on the officers' personal ledger, the "slip" initiated by the clerk and action leader, and is then returned to the Central Slipping Department. Amounts due to the officer, according to the information from the "slip" are certified by the section officer, passed on to the chief cashier, and the thousands of pounds are then dealt with. A cheques, say, for £50,000 is drawn on the head office of any one of 30 or so banks. The banks, in turn, break down the cheque into smaller amounts for the bank sub branches, who pay the money into the officers' personal account.

As with officers, so with Other Ranks. From the acquittance roll the soldier signs in the field to the detailed account of his earnings and withdrawals in his regimental pay office is a long story of smooth-working machinery. An other rank must be paid by his own officer. This tradition of the British Army is maintained so that the officer, by personal contact, can check whether a soldier is satisfied—he knows what to pay by the record in the AB file—and if the man has any complaints they can be rectified immediately.

Complex Job

When the acquittance roll has been signed, it is returned to the cashier. Then it is sent to a clearing house in the Command, where it is sent back to the regimental Pay Office. Here accounts are adjusted according to "casualty" returns on the credit side and acquittance rolls on the debit side, and pay is sent out through the post office, to the soldier's dependents. Only 10 per cent of the total Army strength is employed on pay and considering the number of men and women with whom they have to deal it must be considered that the Royal Army Pay Corps get through a most difficult job with remarkable efficiency. It is certainly a vast complex organisation where accounts are handled with speed and skill by people with a striking loyalty to their motto and their Corps.

DEATH WARRANT OF O.P.A.

Washington, Mar. 23. President Harry Truman today signed a June 30 death warrant for the Office of Price Administration, but urged Congress to provide for rent and sugar control to be carried on by other agencies. A meeting of the Republican Senate leaders, however, failed to settle the differences among them as to whether the controls should continue and if so, how. —Associated Press.

BARCLAY ON BRIDGE

By Shepard Barclay
"The Authority on Authorities"

PERFECT DISTRIBUTION

Among all the different kinds of distributions possible in the cards of a partnership, the nearest to perfect—to produce maximum tricks in proportion to the honour strength held—is that which is featured by just one fitting suit. The more of a misfit the other suits are, the better usually. In its most extreme form, there is a side suit of one partner with a blank opposite it, and another side suit in the other hand opposite a similar void.

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H A 9 7 6 4 3
D 8 2
C K J 8 4

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H Q 1082 D K J 48
C 102

S A 8 7 6 5 4
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D 8 5
C A 9 7 3

(Dealer: South. Both sides vulnerable.)
South West North East
15 Pass 21 Pass
85 Pass 70 Pass
85 Pass 70 Pass
North's jump to 4 Clubs was considerably ambitious when the Blackwood response told him that North's two aces and this very much to a hurry and very ambitious jump saw the partner's hand and the possibility of a better contract.

CARNIVAL

By Dick Turner



"Don't use the word 'raise'! Bixby's having labor trouble again!"

The New House Of Commons

The building of the new House of Commons, the foundations of which are now complete, will begin sometime this month.

The new building will cost in the neighbourhood of £1,000,000 and will take between two and three years to complete. It will employ between 200 and 300 workmen, many of whom will work away from the site, in different parts of London. These will be the stone carvers.

The former House of Commons was reduced to rubble and ashes on the night of May 10, 1941, in a German air raid. The authorities have still not discovered how the House of Commons, covering an area 90 feet wide and 170 feet long, was so completely demolished. Whether it was one high explosive bomb or an oil bomb or several bombs that were dropped on the building has never been established.

By LAWRENCE MEREDITH

The mass of rubble was sifted without success for anything that could be preserved as a souvenir of the "historical" bit of the old building. All that was left of the old building is scattered over London as foundation material for working-class houses. Not a piece of stone, timber or metal of the demolished building will be used in the new. The old House of Commons was built of Anston stone. London stone also it was to such an extent that external repairs cost £1,000,000—as much as the new building will cost.

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Most of the stone will come from Clapham in Rutlandshire. It is white cream in colour, and was recommended by the Ministry of Works experts to the Select Committee as being the most suitable. It has not been used for any large building in London, but its durability has been established by repairs who have used it to patch the fabric of the Houses of Parliament and other London buildings.

No Crowding

In the new House of Commons there will no longer be scenes of members sitting in each other's laps which used to occur during the old days during crowded debates. The architect, Sir Giles Gilbert Scott, has provided for 915 seats compared with 744 in the old Chamber, an increase of 171 seats with an uninterrupted view.

The architect has preserved the traditional dimensions and essential features of the House. Thus the sense of intimacy and almost conversational form of debate encouraged by the dimensions of the old chamber will be maintained. Among improvements in members' accommodation are two floors below the Chamber, the upper one comprising 16 individual Ministers' rooms, a large conference room and spacious lobbies; the lower floor has been planned for members' use, comprising a spacious lobby, lounge, two conference rooms, 10 rooms for interviewing constituents, and 21 small secretarial rooms.

Press Offices

A new suite of offices is provided for the reporters, including a separate room for the Empire Press. A large number of additional telephones and call boxes for members and reporters have been provided. The Royal Fine Arts Commission, to whom the design was submitted, stated that in their opinion the architect has overcome the difficulties and provided a dignified and satisfactory solution.—United Press.

FAMOUS CHURCH DESECRATED

Jerusalem, Mar. 22. By the light of oil lamps, which throw dim rays over the grotto where tradition says Christ was born, thieves stole priceless jewels and icons from the Church of the Nativity last night.

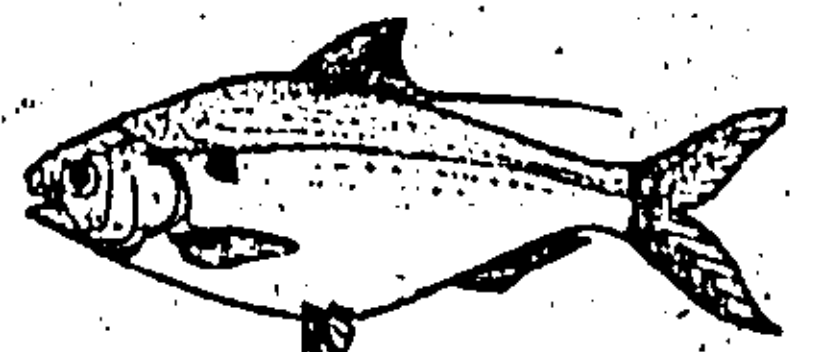
The jewels and icons adorned the statue of the Holy Virgin and were in a glass case which the thieves broke open and plundered. The articles were gifts of hundreds of pilgrims to the church which is never closed day or night and is practically unwatched by guards.—United Press.

JUVENILES TO BE SHOT

London, Mar. 22. Nine young people all under 16 are now awaiting execution in Madrid, a report presented in London today to the general meeting of the International Youth Council in Britain declared. The meeting appointed a deputation of five to visit the House of Commons on Wednesday next to press for support of Members of Parliament in securing British Government intervention in Spain.

HONG KONG FISH

The price of fish over the past few weeks has increased because of the shortage of fish supplies due to very bad fishing weather. If the weather continues to improve, there should be a noticeable drop in price. Three of the fish selected for mention this month are seasonal and will only be available for the next 2 or 3 months: the other two, the Macao Sole and the Spotted Grouper are fairly well-known and are available throughout the year.



1. GIZZARD FISH (Wong Yue).

A small, nutritious fish, but unfortunately it is very bony. It is silvery in colour, about 6 inches in length and distinguishable by a yellow, deeply forked tail and a short dorsal fin which has its last ray extended to form a long filament. Must be eaten fresh, bake or fry. Average price in February \$1.00 a catty.



2. WHITE HERRING (Ta's Paak).

A really excellent fish that is one of the best types caught locally and deserves to be more popular. It is normally available at 12 to 20 inches, has a bright silvery body with yellowish fins, Steam or bake. Average price in February \$1.80 a catty.



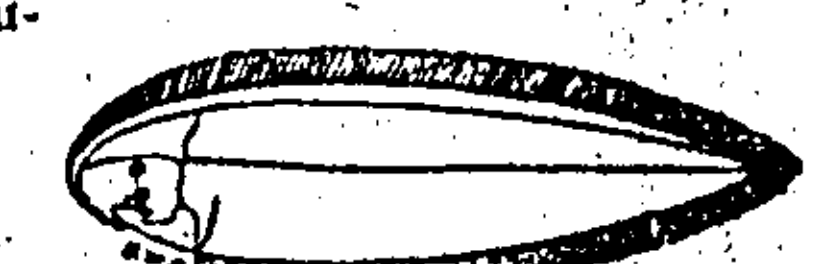
3. KOREAN MACKEREL (Piu Kuan).

A large fish, it is not uncommon to find one four feet in length and weighing over 30 catties. Silvery, it has several black spots on upper half of body. Oily and nutritious, must be eaten fresh. Bake or fry. Average price in February \$2.04 a catty.



4. SPOTTED GROUPE (Ta Kau Paan).

The smallest and strangest looking of the local grouper. It is a good food fish and is distinguishable by the large hexagonal dark brown spots that cover the whole body. Steam or fry. Average price in February \$2.06 a catty.



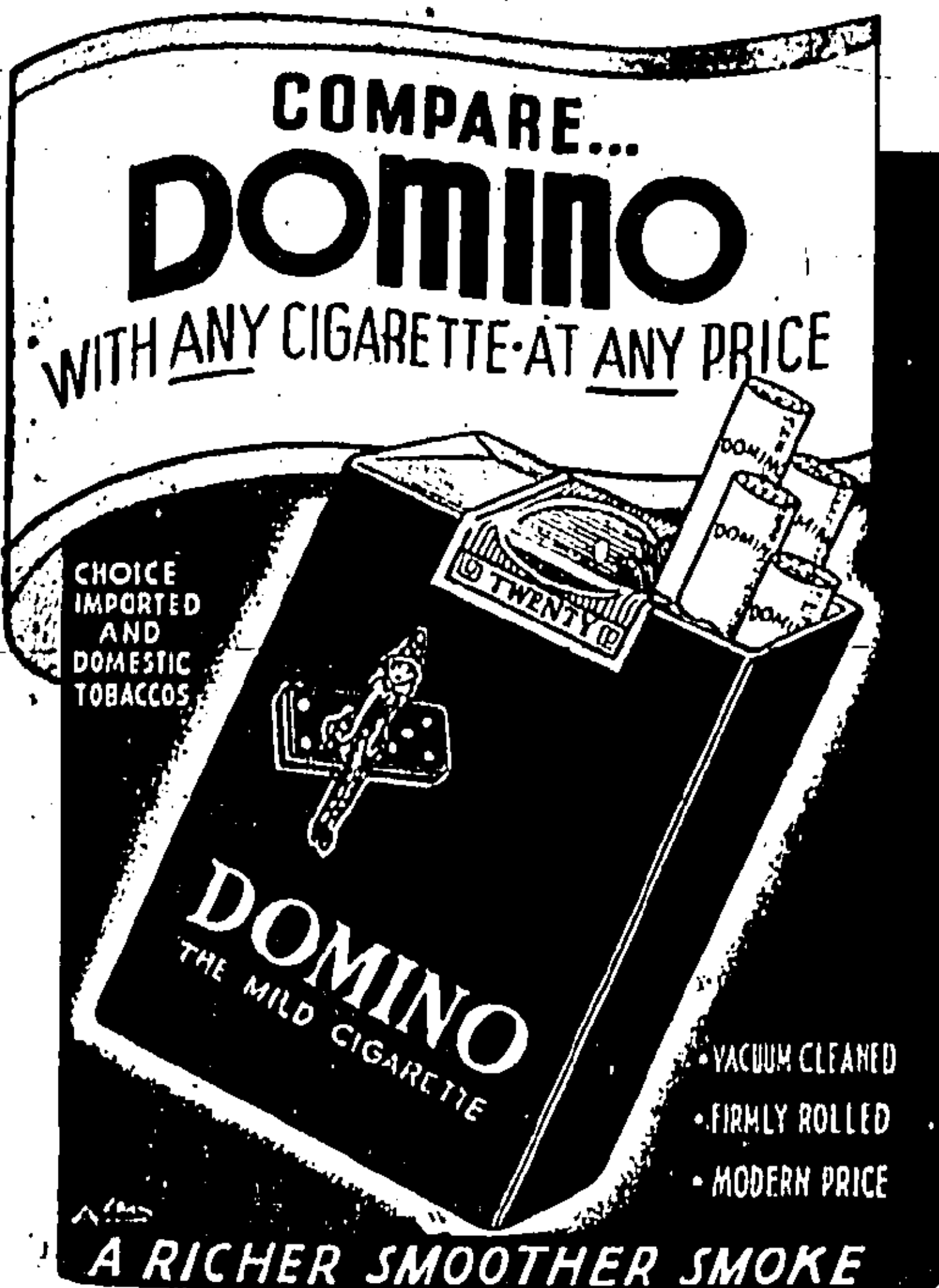
5. MACAO SOLE (Taim Lot).

A delicious food fish that is best fried or steamed. Average price in February \$1.70 a catty.

New Labour Dispute

Akron, Ohio, Mar. 22. The CIO Rubber Workers Union, still hopeful of a last-minute wage offer by the big four of the rubber industry—Goodyear, Goodrich, Firestone and U.S. Rubber—before 100,000 rubber workers walk out at midnight tomorrow, summed up its 80-man policy committee to meet today to discuss strike strategy. The Union, which originally asked for a 20-cent hourly wage increase, scaled its demands to 10 but the big four offered a minimum of ten. A year ago the big four consented to a 22-1/2 cents raise. The first industrywide walk-out of the year would be felt by the auto industry immediately following the shutdown of auto production from the days to the end of the year. Ford has threatened to operate only on a non-union basis.

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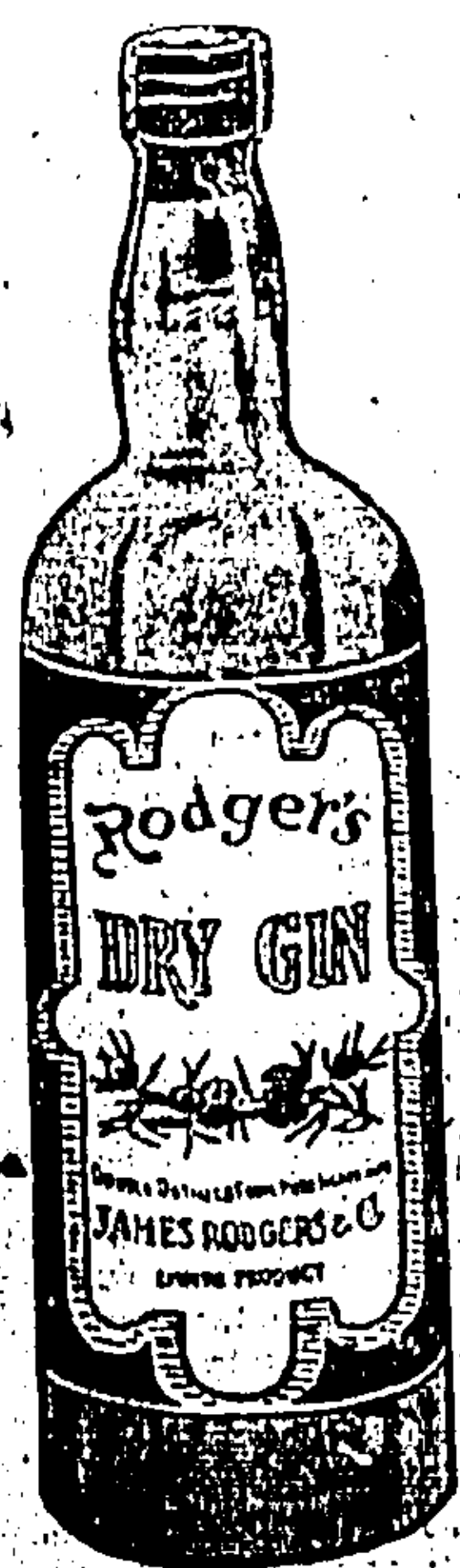
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SOVIET RUSSIA'S PLAN

Molotov Produces Scheme For Germany

New Proposals By Mr. Bevin

Moscow, Mar. 22.

At today's meeting of the Foreign Ministers conference M. Molotov said that the task of creating a temporary political organisation in Germany should be decided on the basis of the following considerations:

1. The political structure should be democratic and organs of Government should be created on the basis of democratic elections.

2. Hitler's centralised system of Government which eliminated Landtags (provincial parliaments) and the autonomous administration of states should be liquidated and decentralised and an administration created like that in force before the Hitler regime. Landtags should be restored and two all-German chambers set up.

3. A temporary central Government should be created which while assuring the political and economic unity of Germany could at the same time assume responsibility for the execution of Germany's obligations to the Allied powers.

M. Molotov then suggested as the first step towards forming a temporary German Government the creation of central administrative departments for finance, industry, transport, communications and foreign trade, in accordance with the Potsdam decisions.

Temporary Body

He also suggested that the Control Council in Berlin be instructed to draft a temporary constitution enlisting the help of the democratic parties, free trade unions and other anti-Nazi organisations and representatives of states and that elections should be held on the basis of a temporary German constitution to form a temporary German Government.

This German Government would also bear responsibility to the Allied powers for the unconditional discharge of these obligations.

The permanent German constitution must be ratified by the German people, he added.

Dealing with the organisation of the German state M. Molotov suggested:

1. Germany should be restored as a single peace-loving state, a democratic republic with an all-German Parliament consisting of two chambers and an all-German Government. The constitutional rights of the states composing the German State would be safeguarded.

2. The President of the German republic should be elected by Parliament.

Democratic State

3. The all-German constitution approved by Parliament should operate throughout German territory while the state constitutions approved by the Landtags should operate in the states.

4. The all-German constitution

as well as the state constitutions should be based on democratic principles. They should consolidate Germany's development as a democratic and peace-loving state.

5. The constitution should safeguard unrestricted formation and activity of all democratic political parties, of trade unions and other public democratic organisations and institutions.

6. The constitution should ensure democratic liberties including freedom of speech, freedom of the press, freedom of worship and freedom of publication, meetings and unions to all German citizens irrespective of race, sex, language or creed.

7. The Parliament and state Landtags should be elected on the basis of general and equal suffrage, secret ballot and on a proportional system.

8. The organs of local self-Government, regional and communal councils, should be elected in accordance with the same democratic principles on which the Landtags of the states are elected.

Bevin's New Plan

The British Foreign Secretary, Mr. Ernest Bevin, tabled new proposals on German economic unity at today's meeting of the Foreign Ministers.

The proposals appeared to represent some attempt to meet the demands for a guaranteed coal exports from Germany to France.

Mr. Bevin proposed that "the rehabilitation of German industry shall be effected on a progressive basis of having due regard to the necessity of exporting coal to the liberated countries."

"In particular the rate by which production is increased shall be in relation to the need for coal exports provided that the burden of costs of the occupying powers shall not increase as a result of these considerations."

The French Foreign Minister, M. Georges Bidault, advocated greater deliberation in the process of staking out Germany's future and expressed the French view that the immediate constitution of a provisional German Government would be premature for reasons of both common sense and caution.

French Scheme

Calling for a series of pro-

AN ITCH IN EVERY STITCH

Teahy, Mar. 23.

Cyril Osborn, Conservative Member of Parliament, told long-suffering Britons "there will be an itch in every stitch of your new overalls" because most of the soft wool has been exported. "Socialist incompetence is about to touch a new low level, and next Autumn the English people will be clad in prickly vests as they face their empty grates and bare cupboards," he said.—Associated Press.

gressions in rebuilding the German political structure, M. Bidault pointed out that while the present discussions concerned the matter of provisional organisation, it was clearly impossible to discuss this without taking account of Germany's future final political organisation.

The French Foreign Minister recalled that the French Government had, on Jan. 17, defined its conception of Germany's future constitutional organisation which, to avoid a centralised and militarist Reich, called for the full decentralisation and development of local responsibilities. Under the French plan all Government powers would, in principle, be attributed to the member states of the German Federation. The administration emanating from this state would be vested with powers expressly delegated to them for the management of service conceivable only on a national level.

The United States Secretary of State, General George Marshall, said he had the impression that there was much in common between the four views on Germany's political future. The difficulties which emerge from the various statements, he said, were not as bad as had been anticipated. The Council of Foreign Ministers agreed to set up a special committee to make a list of all the points of agreement and disagreement arising from the council's examination of the report of the Allied Control Council in Germany.

The committee appointed, on General Marshall's suggestion, consists of Sir Edmund Hall, British, Lieutenant General Lucius D. Clay for the United States, M. Andrei Vyshinsky for Russia and M. Herve Alphand for France.

In the discussion which followed M. Molotov's and M. Bidault's statements, Molotov suggested taking the Weimar constitution as the basis of consideration, taking the useful parts and modifying it where necessary.

This was opposed by Mr. Bevin and M. Bidault. The Ministers will consider the committee's findings on Tuesday.

Labour M.P. Takes A Dim View

Birmingham, Mar. 22.

Mr. Raymond Blackburn, 32-year-old Labour Member of Parliament for the King's Norton Division of Birmingham, declared today that Britain was still heading for disaster.

"This is not pessimism but realism," he declared.

"There was a grave danger of the country drifting from one crisis to another, he said.

"People do not yet realise the great gravity of our economic situation," he said. "Unless we export very much more than we are now exporting we shall either have to beg another American loan next year or eat less food, smoke less tobacco and accept lowering of our standard of living."

"We who are engaged in politics have a duty to the country to discourage the notion that workers can get more money for less work. On the contrary it seems impossible that we can survive as a great exporting nation in the years of competition that lie ahead if there is any substantial reduction in the hours of work in our main industries," he said.

Chiefs To Hang

Accra, Mar. 22.

The hanging of five West Africans for a ritual murder three years ago, which was postponed as a result of the intervention of the British Colonial Secretary, on March 4 has now been ordered to take place on Monday, March 24.

Eight men were originally condemned for the ritual murder of Akye Mensah, a sub-chief who disappeared during the funeral in February, 1945 of Sir Ofori Atta, Paramount Chief of the Kibi tribe.

One of the eight died later and two were reprieved. The remaining five were sentenced to die on Dec. 1, 1944 but four appeals on the ground that there was some doubt whether the remains found were in fact those of Akye Mensah brought four stays of execution before the British Colonial Secretary intervened the fifth time after the matter had been raised in the House of Commons.

Three of the condemned were sons of Sir Ofori Atta and the other five were "sons of the throne."—Reuter.

ON EVE OF ERUPTION?

Honolulu, Mar. 22.

University of Hawaii volcanologists warned today that strong but shallow earthquakes under the east slope of active Mauna Loa volcano may presage an early eruption.

Quakes described as the strongest in many years completely wrecked the seismograph of the Hawaii National Park Observatory. The continued shallow quakes are interpreted as indicating that pressure inside the volcano is mounting.

Dr. Thomas Jagger, volcanologist of the University of Hawaii, worked out a cycle whereby eruption of Mauna Loa has been overdue since last year.—United Press.

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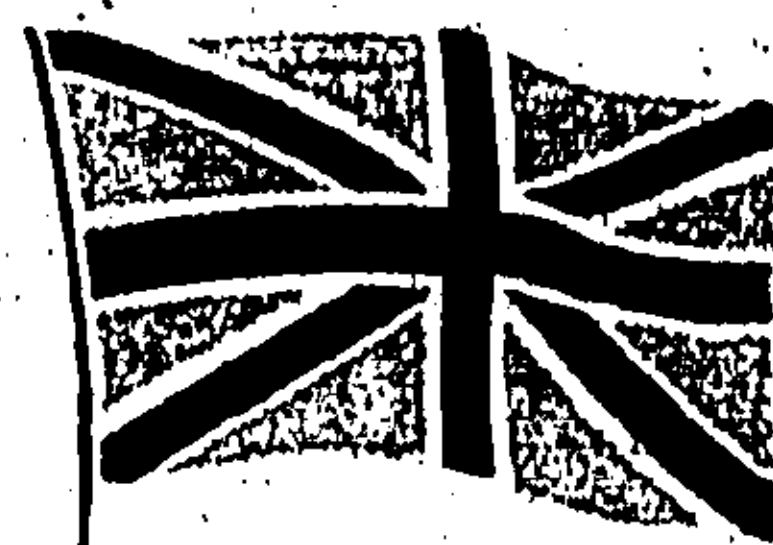
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The effects of an all-out atomic war lasting only half an hour would be felt for two or three generations, and would eventually wipe out the human race, according to Dr. Stafford L. Warren, wartime head of the Manhattan (Atom bomb) Project medical section.

Speaking at the University of California hospital, Dr. Warren said "We cannot afford to have another war. Our aggressor would commit suicide with us, and we have got to make sure all potential aggressors are aware of this."

Dr. Warren, who is now dean of the University's projected medical school at Los Angeles, gave a version of possible war based on the findings from the atom bomb explosions at New Mexico, Hiroshima, Nagasaki and Bikini.

He said the war would begin probably in the late afternoon, since nearly every major city is situated near water with winds at that hour generally blowing toward the cities. The first atom bombs would be detonated just below the surface of the water, near these targets, sending up monstrous clouds of water, spray and mist. Wind would carry the radioactive spray over the cities.

Following spring there would be radioactivity in all your drinking water, your milk and your crops," he said.—United Press.

Stuttgart, Mar. 22.
Rinold Hub, public prosecutor of the Oerlinghausen-Nassau court and local Communist Party leader, was fatally shot by one of two unidentified men who forced their way into his house on the outskirts of Oerlinghausen this morning.

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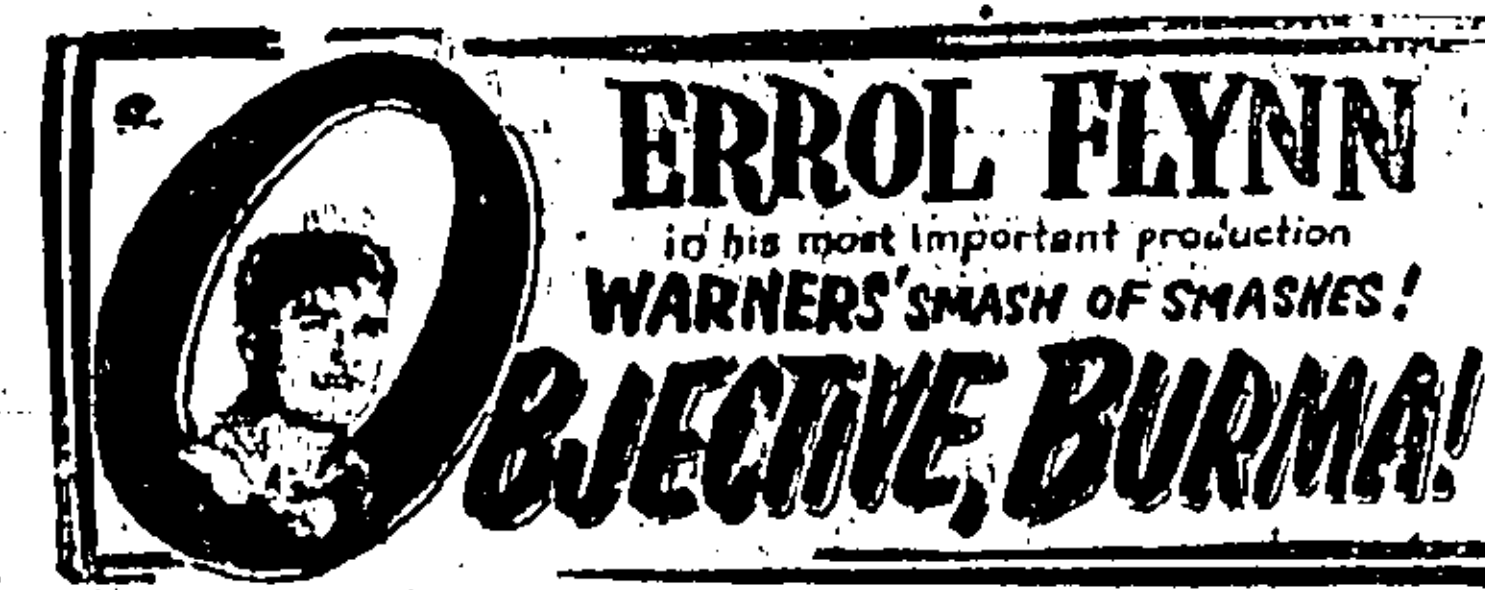
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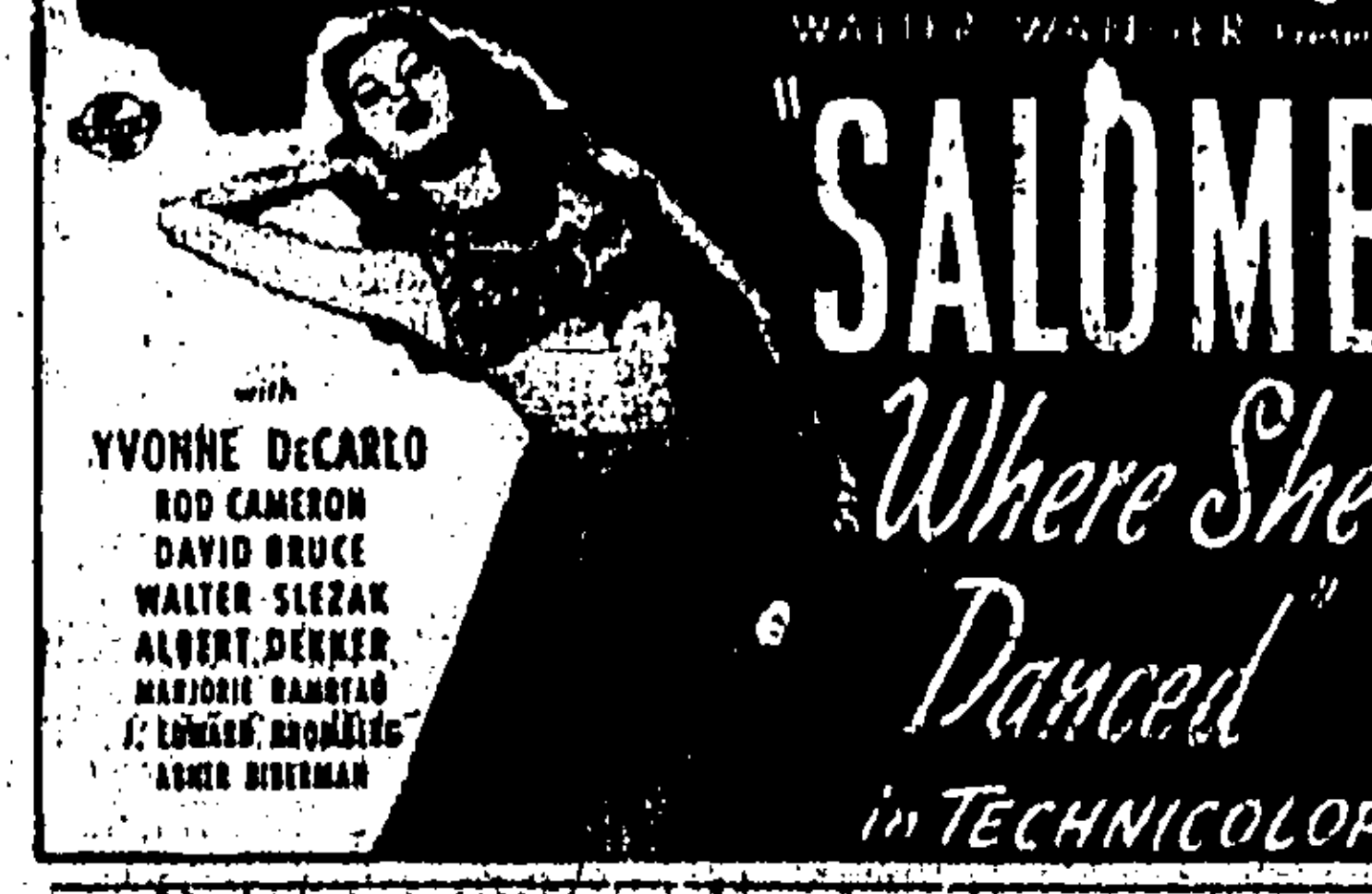
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ALICE IN WONDERLAND CRISIS SETTLED

Paris, Mar. 22.—The four-day political storm which threatened to tear open France's coalition government appeared to have been settled tonight and a period of political calm was expected until the end of the Moscow Conference.

Prime Minister Paul Ramadier's Cabinet met this evening to review the situation following the Assembly confidence vote this morning in which the elderly Socialist received a 411 to 0 endorsement with only rank-and-file Communists and various small Communist satellite groups abstaining.

Although Ramadier, previously threatened to quit if the Communists abstained, five Communist ministers voted with the government thus maintaining a surface appearance of "Cabinet solidarity" for which Ramadier held out and apparently ironed out the crisis at a crucial moment as frequently happens in French politics.

The final windup of the crisis this morning was marked by a succession of Alice in Wonderland situations without parallel in parliamentary history.

First the Communists worked out a deal under which their ministers would vote with the

NOBEL PRIZES

Stockholm, Mar. 22.—Nobel prizes are to be increased from 20,000 to 25,000 because the Swedish Government has exempted the prize from taxation, the Nobel Prize Foundation announced today.

The Pope, Gandhi and Sir John Boyd Orr, the British chairman of the United Nations food and agriculture organization, are among those proposed for 1947 Nobel Peace Awards, the final decision on which is to be made in November.—Reuter.

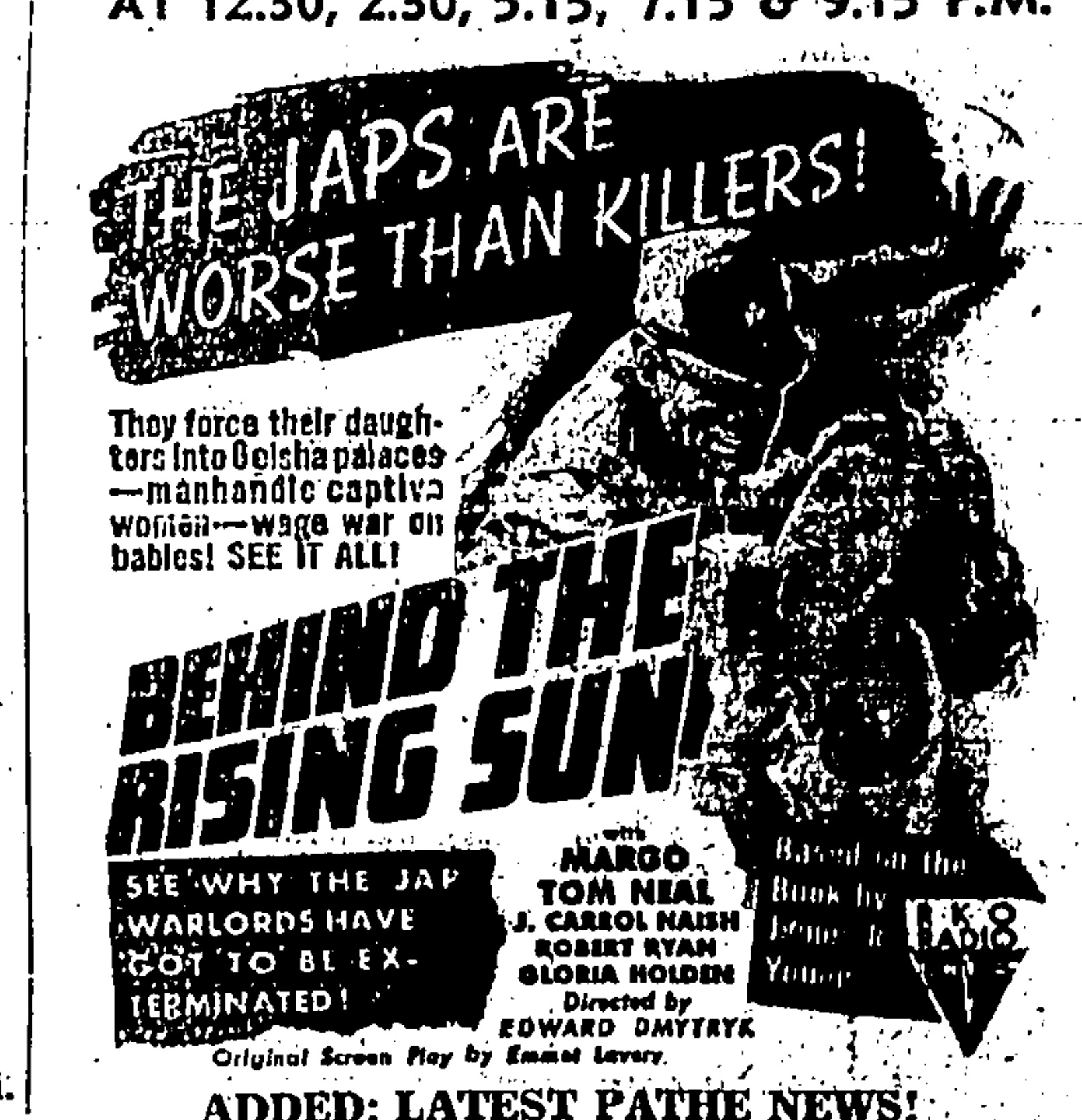
DREDGE'S TOW

Cristobal, Mar. 23.—The largest tin dredge ever to cross the ocean, the 246-foot-long Stuyvesant, arrived today in town from Tampa, Fla., completing the first leg of a 13,000 mile trans-Pacific tow to Bangkok Island near Sumatra, where it is due in May.

A second similar dredge, the Roosevelt, will join the Stuyvesant in July. Each vessel costs \$2,000,000.—United Press.

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Germans' Health In Danger

Herford, Mar. 22.—The medical authorities in the British occupation zone of Germany are gravely concerned over the general health in the province of North Rhine Westphalia after the coldest winter for 60 years.

Six hundred people are undergoing treatment for hunger oedema (form of malnutrition) in various hospitals throughout the province.

Tuberculosis cases have increased from seven per ten thousand in 1943 to 50 per 10,000 at the present time and the lack of hospital accommodation is such that 16,000 sufferers from different diseases cannot be admitted.

An influenza epidemic is expected with the arrival of warmer weather.—Reuter.

BRITISH RAIL STRIKE

London, Mar. 22.—Thousands of commuters in southeastern England were cut off from London today in a lightning strike which paralyzed part of the Southern Railway's electrified service.

More than 100 stations on the company's eastern division which runs from London down the Thames valley to the east coast were shut by a 24-hour strike of 370 engine drivers. They struck over the suspension of one man who protested against being given a day off because the company said he passed the block signal.—United Press.

OFFICERS TOO SOFT

Frankfurt, Mar. 22.—Lieut. Gen. Geoffrey Keyes, acting commander of U.S. forces in Austria, today read the riot act to 500 American officers on their lack of discipline, soft living, drinking and black marketing activities. He said the Army would not tolerate officers maintaining native mistresses.

At the same time an Army directive limits enlisted men to three bottles of liquor monthly, including what they buy across the bar. Beer, champagne and wines are not affected.—United Press.

CHICAGO GRAINS

Chicago, Mar. 22.—Corn showed strength on the Board of Trade following an overnight announcement of May export allocations.

Corn exports will be increased in April, taking the place to some extent of wheat. March wheat closed at \$2.05—2.06—the latter figure representing a 10 cent gain.

Deferred wheat futures closed one half to four and one fourth higher: May \$2.58-2.59, July 2.26-2.27.

Corn was 34-35¢ higher; oats 4-5¢ lower; barley 10 cents higher.—Associated Press.

MEXICO EXCHANGE

Mexico City, Mar. 22.—T. T. Mexico City on London Buys 1,955, sellers 1,950. New York 485, 486, Paris 412, 403, Zurich 115, 116, Hongkong 115, Bombay, unquoted.—Reuter.

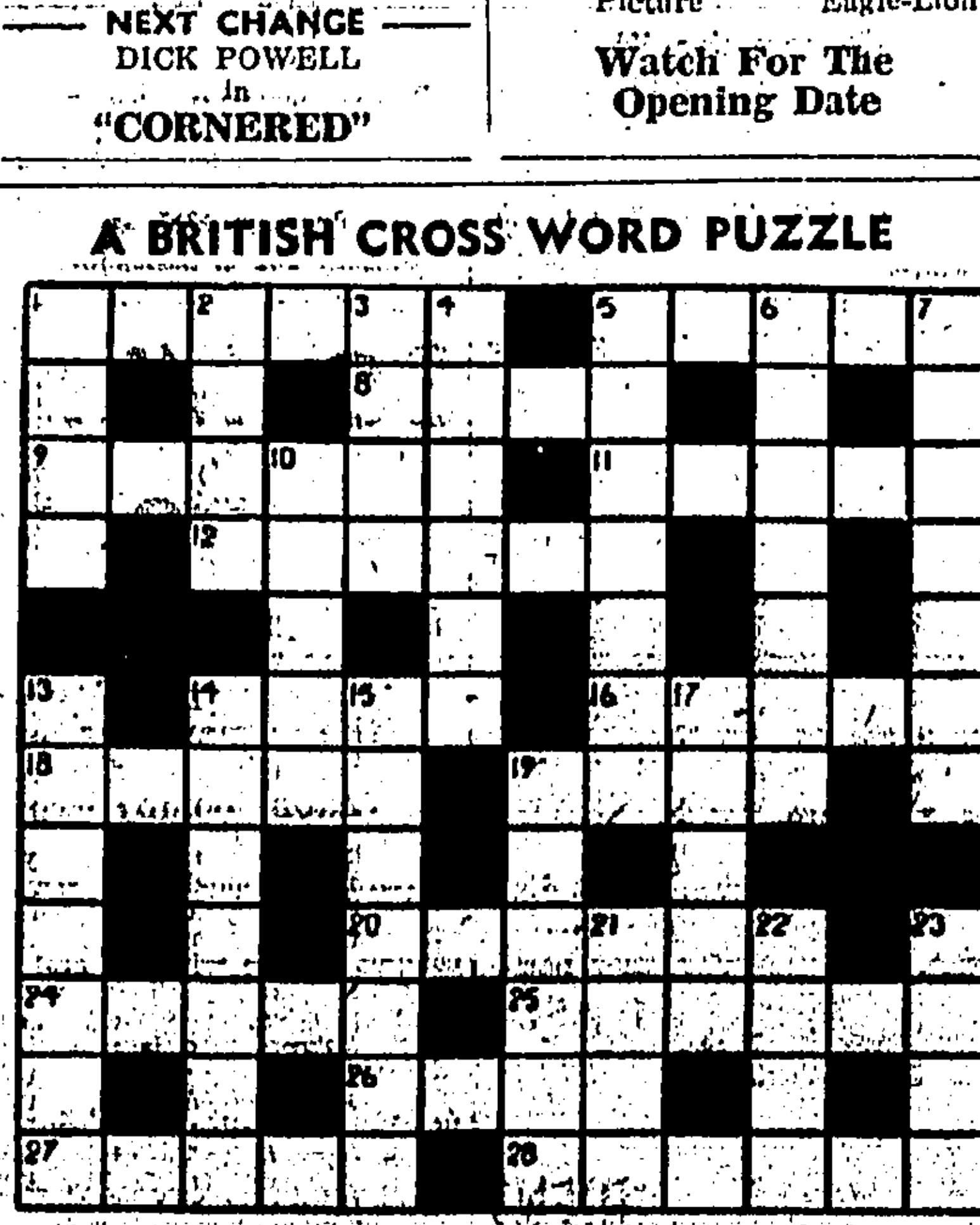
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